

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP G. GROSE, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant from the State of South Carolina, a dear friend, and former colleague, Philip G. Grose, Jr. Phil is officially retiring from State Government as Director of the South Carolina Executive Institute after serving in various state government capacities for 36 years. His extraordinary leadership and service deserve recognition.

Phil is a native of Greenville, South Carolina, but he left his home state to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. His first professional job was as a staff writer and sports reporter for the Charlotte Observer in 1960. He went on to hone his writing and investigative skills as a reporter for Broadcasting magazine in New York, but returned to his native state to accept a position at The State newspaper in Columbia. There he served as Sports Writer and Business Editor, before finding his niche as Government Affairs Editor. That assignment helped Phil marry his love of politics to his skill of writing, and would unwittingly launch his second career in government.

In 1967, Governor Robert E. McNair recognized Phil's expertise and invited him to join the Governor's staff as News Secretary and Research Assistant. His adeptness and understanding both government and the media insured Phil's success in this role.

In 1967, John Carl West succeeded Bob McNair as Governor and invited Phil to serve in the new administration as Executive Assistant for Public Affairs. It was while Phil was preparing to serve in this capacity that he and I first met, when after some cajoling from him I accepted an invitation from Governor West to join his staff and was placed under Phil's tutelage. Phil shared his enormous talents and his enthusiasm was infectious. He merged efficiency and effectiveness in a manner I had not seen before, and made government work fun and productive. I learned a great deal from him and developed a great deal of admiration and respect for him.

Because of his tremendous abilities, Phil was elevated through a number of increasingly important positions in state government after Governor West tenure as Governor ended in 1975. Phil served as Executive Assistant to the President of the University of South Carolina, Chief Deputy Commissioner for the South Carolina Department of Social Services, Director of the South Carolina State Reorganization Commission, and Assistant Executive Director of the State Budget and Control Board.

In 1989, Phil was tapped to serve as the Director of the Executive Institute, where he leads statewide executive education programs for public sector leaders. He also manages the South Carolina Center for Excellence and the Budget and Control Board's training center.

Phil Grose is married to the former Virginia Maxwell. They have a daughter, Patricia Grose Williams, a son-in-law John D. Williams, and two grandsons, Harrison Philip Williams and David McCully Williams, all of Starnberg, Germany. Phil and his wife have both had very distinguished careers, and my wife Emily

have enjoyed being a part of their professional and personal lives. Although Phil has decided it is time to retire from his official role as a public servant, I know he will never relinquish his role of serving the public.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and the members of this august body to join me in commending Phil Grose on his compassion, his intelligence, his unflagging sense of humor, and his uncompromising dedication to his home state. His name may not be well known, but his words and phrases broadly read and widely quoted. His work is evident throughout South Carolina state government, and serves as an inspiration to many of us who currently serve. The impact of his service will be felt by future generations of public servants, and I am proud to have him as a friend and to honor him today.

ROBERT L. HABUSH TO BE HONORED BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2004, the American Jewish Committee's Milwaukee Chapter will proudly honor my friend, Robert L. Habush, as the Community Service Human Relations Award Recipient.

Every year the Chapter acknowledges one member of its association that has distinguished him or herself as an outstanding example of service and leadership to the Jewish community and the city as a whole. Bob is continually identified as a philanthropist who donates substantial time, talents, and financial resources to the people of Milwaukee.

In Wisconsin academic circles, Bob has strived to ensure that Wisconsin's future lawyers carry on his legacy of excellence. From lecturing at Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin, to writing instruction texts on litigation techniques, and providing funding for scholarships and clinics, he has moved to improve the state of legal education in Wisconsin.

A litigator for 42 years, Attorney Habush has been named as Best Trial Lawyer of the Year for the Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers and one of the Best Lawyers in America by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA), and served as the President of the Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers and President of the ATLA.

Bob has also been a dedicated friend to the Milwaukee Jewish Community. Not only has he donated his legal expertise to the Jewish Community Center legal team on a pro bono basis, but his fiscal gifts have made it possible for the Jewish Family Services to create of the JFS Robert and Mimi Habush Family Center, the administrative offices and counseling facilities for the organization. The Habush family has also donated an eight family apartment building as an independent housing facility for local residents with special needs.

Robert Habush is the embodiment of Albert Einstein's quote, "It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it." Bob has continued to be an inspiration to others on what difference one individual can make on the be-

half of many and is a deserving recipient of this great honor.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GREGG RIPPY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Gregg Rippy and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the State of Colorado as a member of the Colorado General Assembly. Appointed to fill District 57's vacated seat in September of 2000, and subsequently elected for two more terms, Gregg will always be remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader of the community. As Gregg moves on in his career, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that he has accomplished in his tenure in the Colorado House of Representatives.

A fourth generation Coloradan, Gregg has worked in the family construction business started by his grandfather since age fourteen. He began his political career on the Glenwood Springs Planning and Zoning Commission in 1992, and has served as secretary and treasurer for Garfield County's Republican Party. Due to legislative redistricting in 2001, Gregg became the incumbent for District 61, serving Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, and Pitkin counties, and was reelected for the 2003-2004 term. For this last term Gregg has chaired the Local Government Committee and served on the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee.

Gregg has garnered numerous awards for his outstanding record as a legislator. In 2003, the National Association of Home Builders named him State Official of the Year. He also received the Excellence in Leadership award and the Defender of the American Dream award from the Colorado Association of Home Builders, and the Legislator of the Year award from the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. Some of Gregg's extensive community involvement includes holding several degrees in the Masonic Lodge, and he is a charter member and ex-president of the Glenwood Springs Sunrise Rotary.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that State Representative Gregg Rippy has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his district and the people of Colorado in the Colorado General Assembly. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service Gregg and I wish you and your wife Marilee all the best in your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO PRISCILLA MADDIX

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Priscilla Maddox in recognition of her entrepreneurial accomplishments as well as her contribution to dietary and health sciences fields.